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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SEPTEMBER 4 LETTER FROM
ETHIOPIAN PERM REP TO PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL:

QUOTE WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER OF THE PER-
MANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY, CIRCULATED AT HIS REQUEST AS SECURITY COUNCIL
DOCUMENT S/12193, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT
TO COMMUNICATE THE REPLY THAT THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVER-
NMENT OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA HAD GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC IN ADDIS ABABA ON 31 AUGUST 1976,
FOLLOWING RECEIPT FROM THE LATTER OF AN INQUIRY REGARDING THE
DIVERSION OF A YEMENI SAILING BOAT TO THE ETHIOPIAN PORT
OF ASSAB AND THE TEMPORARY DETENTION FOR QUESTIONING OF THREE
PERSONS WHO WERE LATER FOUND TO BE YEMENI NATIONALS.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOUR
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TO REFER TO THE LATTER'S NOTE NO. 4/8/76-165 OF 25 AUGUST

1976 AND NO. 4/8/76-166 OF 27 AUGUST 1976, CONCERNING THE DIVER-
SION OF A YEMENI SAILING BOAT TO THE ETHIOPIAN PORT OF ASSAB
AND THE DETENTION OF THREE YEMENI NATIONALS, RESPECTIVELY.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE ESTEEMED
EMBASSY OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC THAT THE SAILING BOAT
AND ALL THE PERSONS INVOLVED WERE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED
AFTER AN INVESTIGATION WHICH THE EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN
PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF ETHIOPIA
IN THE REGION NECESSITATED. FURTHER INVESTIGATION HAD ALSO
CONFIRMED THAT THE ETHIOPIAN PATROL BOATS WERE CARRYING OUT
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN EGHIOPIAN JURISDICTION.

BECAUSE OF THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC AND ETHIOPIA, THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA BELIVES THAT MATTERS SUCH AS THE
ONES MENTIONED SHOULD BE HANDLED ROUTINELY WITHOUT IN ANY WAY
REFLECTING ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL
MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA AVAILS ITSELF
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE YEMEN
ARAB REPUBLIC THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

I WOULD KINDLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO CIRCULATE THIS NOTE AS
A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.

(SIGNED) MOHAMED HAMID IBRAHIM

AMBASSADOR

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

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